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PETITION (by letter)
to DISCONTINUE

July 25, 2001

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Donna Caton
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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

ILLINOIS
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Re: In the Matter of 2nd Century Communications, Inc.'s discontinuance of voice and data services.

Dear Sir/Madame:

2nd Century Communications, Inc. ("2nd Century") hereby notifies the Illinois Commerce Commission that it has discontinued local exchange and interexchange services to all its customers, and has provided all of its customers between 60 and 90 days prior written notice of the discontinuance of service. In addition, 2nd Century hereby relinquishes its certificate of operating authority and revokes all intrastate tariffs filed on its behalf.

2nd Century was granted authority to provide local exchange and interexchange services in Illinois. It commenced the provision of voice and data services to predominantly small-to-medium-sized business customers in the state. As a result of inadequate revenues and financing to support its operations, 2nd Century was forced, beginning in December 2000, to curtail its provision of services. In June of this year, 2nd Century filed for bankruptcy and is winding down its operation through a Chapter 11 filing.

Exhibit A attached hereto is a copy of the form of the letter which 2nd Century sent to all of its customers advising of the provider's intention to discontinue services. In addition, 2nd Century provided its customers with a toll-free telephone number by which it could be contacted,

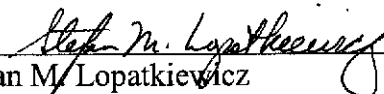
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if necessary, in order to provide assistance in transitioning customers to replacement carriers. 2nd Century is not aware as of this filing of any complaints or other proceedings instituted or pending against it by any customers as a result of its discontinuance of services. It is to be inferred, therefore, that all affected customers have been able to find adequate alternative service providers in the markets in question.

Please note that 2nd Century is a non-dominant carrier which has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") pursuant to Section 63.71 of the FCC's rules for discontinuance of service, and has provided copies of that filing to the Public Utilities Commission and Governor in each State in which service to customers was discontinued. We have attached a copy of 2nd Century's FCC application as *Exhibit B* to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,
2ND CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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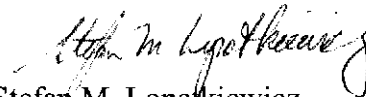
Re: *2d Century Communications, Inc.*; Docket No. 99-0353

Dear Ms. Caton:

This is with reference to my letter to you of June 25, 2001, in which we provided notice that our client, 2d Century Communications, Inc., is in bankruptcy and has discontinued the provision of voice and data services in Illinois after providing due notice to that effect to its customers. I have attached a copy of that letter.

This is to certify that the representations contained in the attached letter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. We hope that you can proceed expeditiously with decertification of 2d Century as a local exchange and interexchange carrier in the State of Illinois.

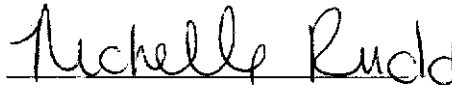
Sincerely yours,


Stefan M. Lopatkiewicz

Attachment

City of Washington)
District of Columbia)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of July, 2001.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
November 30, 2004